

AMBULANCE SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD

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Meeting Minutes of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board March 19, 2014

ASAB Member Attendees:

John Potvin
Leo Kennedy
Raymond Medeiros
Thomas P. Caito
Peter Grenier
Jason Umbenhauer
John Pliakas
Al Galinelli
Joseph Lauro
Dawn Lewis
Randall Watt
Kathleen Barton
Jeff Howe
David Savastano
Ana Novais
Lynne Parmisciano

Representing:

Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters
Providence County Paid
Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters
Washington County Volunteer
Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs
Kent County EMS
Emergency Nurses Association
Bristol County EMS
American College of Surgeons
Hospital Association of Rhode Island
Newport County
Public
Private Ambulance Service
Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters
Rhode Island Department of Health
Rhode Island American Academy of Physicians

1. **Establishment of Quorum** - A quorum was established with 16 members present.
2. **Call to Order** - Leo Kennedy, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1311.
3. **Introduction of Membership** – Jeff Howe is the proxy for John Vernancio.
4. **Review / Consent of Agenda** - A motion by Randall Watt and seconded by John Potvin to approve the agenda was passed.
5. **Approval of Minutes of the December 2013 meeting** – A motion made by Al Galinelli and seconded by Dawn Lewis to accept the minutes as presented was passed.
6. **Correspondence** – None
7. **Announcements:**
 - A. EMS Pride Awards – None

8. Committee Reports:

A. Educational Standards – Hard Copy Provided, no motions before the Board. A motion made by Tom Caito and seconded by John Potvin to accept the report as presented was passed.

B. Pediatric Committee – No report

C. Medical Affairs Committee – Chairman Pliakas reported that the last meeting was January 21, 2014 hard copy of report provided, no motions before the Board. A motion made by Lynne Parmisciano and seconded by John Potvin to accept the report as presented was passed.

D. Rules and Regulations Committee – Chairman Caito stated there was a meeting held on February 24, 2014. With two items to come before the Board:

1. EMT student ride time (Sec 2.5 regulations) HEALTH Department to distribute an Advisory which details the liability associated with EMT student ride time. A motion made by Randall Watt and seconded by Al Galinelli to send this to the Health Department was passed.
2. Trauma feedback – The Committee asked the Health Department to devise a trauma feedback form. Ann George from Rhode Island Hospital is in the process of working on this project.

Chairman Caito also stated that the Committee was in the process of reviewing the protocols for recommended revisions.

E. Legislative Committee – Jason Rhodes explained that there were 3 House bills and one Senate bill, which were of interest to the EMS community. The bills are H7414, which would allocate \$75,000 dollars to the Health Department to purchase CPR mannequins for high schools. H7576 pertains to Epinephrine, and would regulate the use of Epinephrine auto-injectors and allow for the placement and use of said devices much like AEDs. H7753 and companion bill S2540, which would add two members to the Ambulance Service Advisory Board (one to be selected by the speaker of the House and one by the President of the Senate). Chairman Pliakas will follow up with updates regarding these bills.

F. EMS Dispatch Taskforce – The committee did not meet. A motion made by John Potvin and seconded by Randall Watt to dissolve the committee was passed.

G. Controlled Substances Working Group – The group did not meet

H. Falls with the Elderly – Progress

I. Animals and EMS – No action, sits with the RI Veterinary Board, Chairman Umbenhauer will follow this issue. A motion made by Jason Umbenhauer and seconded by John Pliakas to dissolve the committee was passed.

9. Old Business

A. Intoxicated Patients Update – Dr. Warren reported that a RFP has been developed for a standalone facility in Providence. Discussion then followed regarding the logistics of how the pilot project will progress as it pertains to EMS.

B. Mandatory Flu Shots for EMTs- Status – Public hearing was held on the 26th, the comments will be given to the Director at an internal staff meeting.

10. New Business

A. Rewrite of Rules and Regulations June 2014 – HEALTH has been working on reorganization and grammar for submittal to the Rules and Regulations Committee then to the Board, prior to public hearing.

B. New England Protocols (NH as standard) – State EMS Directors felt that it would be beneficial to have a common layout for all the protocols in the Northeast. The Health Department will work closely with Rules and Regulations and Educational Standards regarding these changes

C. NEMSIS V.3 by Dec 2015 – Being pushed back to December 2015 on a national level. Jason Rhodes asked that the Ambulance Service Advisory Board establish an EMS Data Management Committee to assist with implementation of these updates. Chairman Kennedy established a committee consisting of the following members: Jason Umbenhauer, Ana Novais, John Potvin, Ray Medeiros, Randall Watt, and Dawn Lewis. Chairman Kennedy appointed Jason Umbenhauer as the Chair of the committee.

11. Good of the Order

A. Committee Meetings? – Rhode Island EMS Expo April 22, 2014

B. MOLST – Training session set for March 28th 10am at the Health Department DOC

C. Election of Officers

Ray Medeiros nominated John Potvin for the position of Secretary, Randall Watt seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations; Al Galinelli made a motion that the Chairman cast one ballot for John Potvin for the position of Secretary, the motion passed.

Ray Medeiros nominated Tom Caito for the position of Vice Chair, Al Galinelli seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations; Randall Watt made a motion that the Secretary cast one ballot for Tom Caito for the position of Vice Chair, the motion passed.

Ray Medeiros nominated Leo Kennedy for the position of Chairman, Randall Watt seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations; Lynne Parmisciano

made a motion that the Secretary cast one ballot for Leo Kennedy for the position of Chairman.

Having no further business, Randall Watt made a motion to adjourn at 1410 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Potvin, Secretary